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**1. General.** The International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC) will be operated for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). Located at the National Weather Service (NWS) Pacific Region Headquarters, the ITIC was established upon request of the IOC and is maintained by the NWS to strengthen the Tsunami Warning System (TWS) and to assist member nations in mitigating the effects of tsunamis throughout the Pacific. The mandate and functions of the ITIC are given in IOC Resolution X-23, November 1977, and amended by IOC/Executive Council-XXI March 1988.

**2. Duties.** The principal duties of the ITIC are to:

- a) Monitor the international tsunami warning activities in the Pacific and recommend improvements;
- b) Provide Pacific countries information on the TWS, the affairs of ITIC, and how to join in the activities of the IOC International Coordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific (ICG/ITSU);
- c) Assist member states of ICG/ITSU in the establishment of regional and national warning systems and in the improvement of preparedness;
- d) Gather and promulgate knowledge on tsunamis and foster research and its application;
- e) Cooperate with the World Data Centers in collecting tsunami data information; and
- f) Assist national authorities in making investigations of all aspects of major tsunamis and develop standard survey procedures for such investigations.

**3. Responsibilities.** The Director, ITIC, will report directly to the appropriate IOC authorities on matters not affecting NWS operations or U.S. policy, and is responsible for funds allocated to the ITIC by the IOC.

The Director, ITIC, reports for administrative purposes to the Director, Pacific Region, who is responsible for logistical and financial support within limits set by the NWS.

The position of Associate Director, ITIC, when occupied, will be funded by a foreign member state of ICG/ITSU and/or the IOC. The Associate Director will report directly to the Director, ITIC.